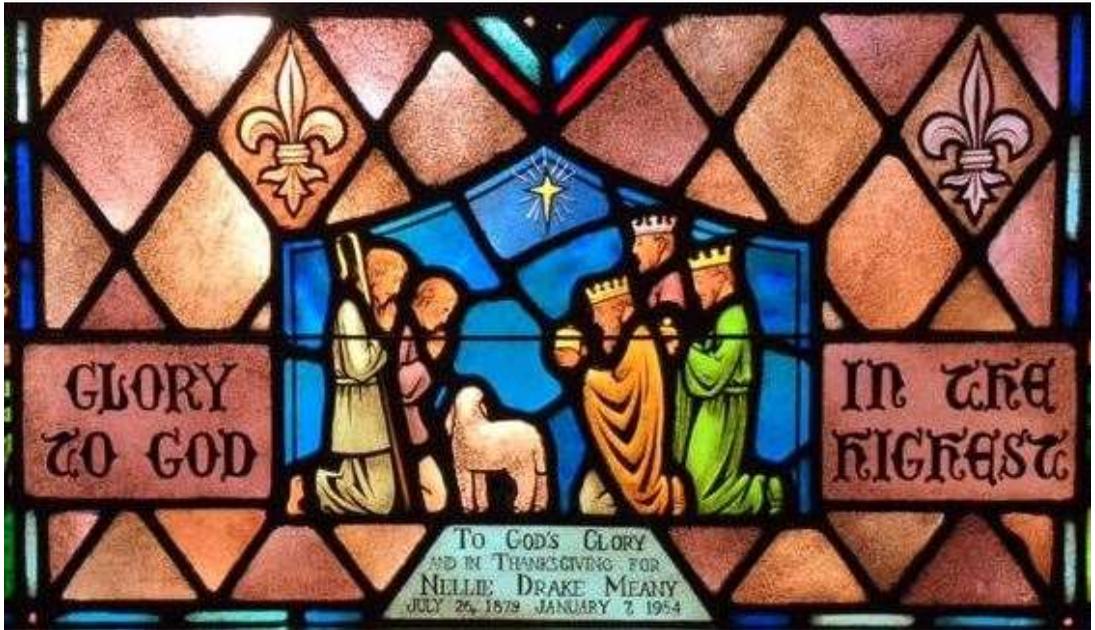




ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Online Christmas Service 2020



Stained glass of the Nativity in the Sanctuary at St. Luke's Church.

Our Mission: To know Christ and to make Christ known.

Our Vision: To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.



Prelude

Silent Night

Katie Staudt, Handbells; Jim Klein, Piano

Breath of Heaven

Beka Woodin, Pauline Buisson

The Word of God

Processional Hymn 83

O Come, All Ye faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

Refrain
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others
 Music: *Adeste, fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light Christ's candle because Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, the son of God is born this night. God's word has been made flesh among us.

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem this night fill our hearts, that we may know Christ and make Him known. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise #87 *Hark! the herald angels sing*



1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 96 Cantate Domino

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

²***Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.***

³Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

⁴***For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.***

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

⁶ *Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!*

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸ *Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.*

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

¹⁰ *Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."*

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² *Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.*

¹³ He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 98 vs. 1, 2, 3 *Unto us a boy is born*



1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -
2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and
3 He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in
*5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -

1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the
 2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that
 3 Jew - ry! All the lit - tle boys he killed at
 5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the

1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - - - tion.
 2 he all men sur - pass - - - - - es.
 3 Beth - le - hem in his fu - - - - - ry.
 5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - - - tion.

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see~ I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with

haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sequence Hymn 98 vs. 5 *Unto us a boy is born* (see page 4)

Sermon

The Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon: In communion with all the Christians around the world who are celebrating the incarnation of Christ, let us pray to our God.

On this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human flesh. Renew your church as the Body of Christ. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

On this holy night the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen our leaders and all those who work for peace and justice in our nation and around the world. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

On this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the good news of Christ by loving and serving our neighbor. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

On this holy night strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Help us to greet strangers as members of your family. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

On this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

On this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world, especially those on our prayer lists and we name now silently or aloud (...). Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

On this holy night heaven has come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Bring into the fullness of your presence all who have died, especially those we name now silently or aloud (*silence*). Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: O God of heavenly glory and earthly peace, you have hallowed this sacred night with the joyful tidings of Christ's birth: May the Light dawning upon us kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may shine forth your glory in love; in Christ's name we pray. *Amen.*

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be also with you. *And also with you.*

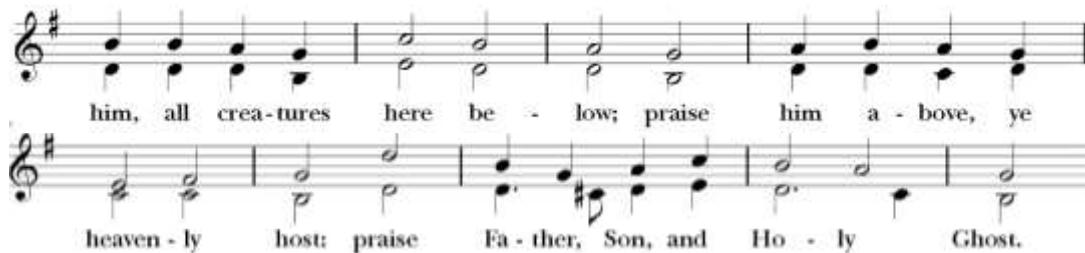
The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by you Spirit may we share in your riches. *Amen.*

The Presentation Hymn





him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
 Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Psaltes octavie trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for 'The Breaking of the Bread' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Anthem

Ave Maria

Gomez

Mary Bowers, Mezzo Soprano

Sharing the Light of Christ who comes into the World

You are invited to lit your candle at home.

Communion Hymn 111 *Silent Night*

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

The image shows the beginning of a musical score for 'Silent Night' in F major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
 Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
 peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Solemn Christmas Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 99 *Go tell it on the mountain*

Refrain
 Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

Merry Christmas!